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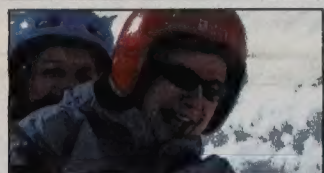
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Heed the Frost Centre's lessons: Suzuki

by CATHY OLLIFFE
 Special to the Times

Ann Barnes wasn't kidding when she said, "We have a really wonderful night planned."

The night was Thursday, Feb. 9, and the event was An Evening with Dr. David Suzuki, held at the University of Toronto's Macleod Auditorium in support of The Friends of the Frost Centre's bid to operate the Leslie M. Frost Centre for environmental and outdoor

education.

Barnes is a cottager on St. Nora's Lake and one of the forces behind the movement to get the Frost Centre, closed by the province a year and a half ago, up and running again. She also emceed the U of T event, which packed the auditorium with people of all ages, including a sizeable contingent from the Haliburton Highlands. As well as an inspiring speech by Suzuki, the evening included music by David Archibald, who produced a CD filled with

songs about the Frost Centre. One of the most emotional points of the evening was Archibald singing Call of the North while photos of the Frost Centre were displayed on a screen behind him.

Suzuki has never been to the Dorset area's historic ranger school and outdoor education facility but he has been a strong and vocal proponent of the institution ever since the Ministry of Natural Resources dropped it in

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Darren Lum/TIMES

And they're off!

With the return of the cold weather, car racing on ice has returned to the Minden fairgrounds. Organized by the Minden Kinsmen Club the races are fun for both drivers and participants. Races take place every weekend and are free to watch.

Roads work, waste management drive township budget up

by BRYN WEESE
 Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands is nearing completion of its budget preparations for 2006 and so far the news is good for ratepayers as well as the township's various departments.

The township's current preliminary budget has an increase of four per cent over last year's budget, from a net of \$2,568,491 in 2005 to an estimated \$2,657,426 in 2006. After taking into account increased property assessment values, this will translate into a decrease of the municipal portion of the property tax rate in excess of 20 per cent.

"This is a good news budget," says CAO Lorne Mitchell. "It maintains what I think is cost-of-living increases while providing a good package to the ratepayers."

"We are meeting our targets in areas that are important."

Over two days of intense budget deliberations between council and department heads, the preliminary budget increased slightly from the 3.73 per cent projected at the end of December to the four per cent increase currently projected. However, the township is still within the three- to-five per cent increase they had hoped for.

Following are brief highlights of the current Algonquin Highlands preliminary budget as of January 27.

Septage

The biggest item on the 2006 agenda is the hopeful completion of the hauled sewage management plan, which has already received

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Lutterworth Pines faces hefty water bill

by BRYN WEESE
 Times Staff

The clean, regulated water that flows in Lutterworth Pines may soon acquire a sour taste for residents who must soon foot much of the bill to receive it.

Lutterworth Pines is a private development of 30 properties – 28 residential and two commercial – on the east side of Highway 35 south of Minden. It has been under a boil water advisory imposed by the health unit since 2002 because there is no regulated system of quality checks or alarms should the quality depreciate.

Previously, before Walkerton, when regulations were more lax, the residents looked after their own water through a communal system. In the past few years, however, prior to the current situation, there was discussion

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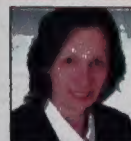
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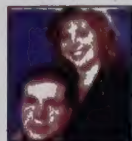
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January thaw lasted all month

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to the Times

We used to have a January thaw during the month. This year we had a January thaw all month.

The average temperature for the month was -4.1°C (24.6°F), six degrees warmer than last January. Six degrees is a great difference; the normal difference is usually about one or two degrees.

It was a weird month. One good day caused about three or four bad days!

Trivia:

I randomly picked a year about 50 years ago. It was January 1959. The highest temperature was 48° on January 21; lowest temperature was -30° on January 26. Snow on ground on January 31 was 22 inches.

Average High: 0.2°C, 32.3°F
Average Low: -8.4°C, 16.8°F
Average for the month: -4.1°C, 24.6°F
Average for last January: -10.7°C, 12.7°F
Highest Temperature January 28: 8.0°C, 46.4°F
Lowest Temperature January 16: -21.5°C, -6.7°F
Rain: 63 mm, 2.4 inches
Snow: 44 cm, 17.3 inches
Total Precipitation: 107.0 mm, 4.2 inches
Total Precip. for last January: 88.8 mm, 3.4 inches
Days mostly sunny: 6
Days with rain or snow: 14
Days with thunderstorms: 0
Snow on ground Jan. 31: 28 cm, 11.2 inches
Snow on ground last Jan.: 37 cm, 14.5 inches
Total snowfall Nov. 1 to Jan. 31: 142 cm, 56 inches
Days with freezing rain: 4

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Minden woman has high praise for rescue personnel

by JASON BAIN
Osprey Media Group

A Minden woman is grateful to be alive after a head-on collision in Rosedale late last month which sent her and two others to hospital.

On Jan. 24, Brenda Manser was driving north on Highway 35 with a friend around 3:00 p.m. when a southbound car driven by a Kirkfield woman entered a corner, police said, and slid into the northbound lane. The two cars collided head-on.

Manser was freed by Baddow, Coboconk and Fenelon Falls division firefighters using the jaws of life.

The 42-year-old spent 12 days at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay before going to Sunnybrook hospital in Toronto for surgery. Police did not lay charges because of very slippery road conditions but said driving too fast for the conditions was a factor.

Manser came home Thursday, where she was full of praise for those who have helped her from the time of the collision to her release from hospital, including paramedics, police, firefighters, doctors and nurses, who she said don't get the credit they deserve.

"They have been wonderful and have made a really disastrous situation bearable," she said. "I can't thank them enough for the care they have given."

Jason Bain/Lindsay Daily Post



After using the jaws of life, rescue personnel lift Minden resident Brenda Manser out of the wreckage of her car on January 24. Manser and a passenger were heading home on Hwy. 35 when the driver of an oncoming car lost control in the wintry conditions and hit Manser's vehicle head on. She is now at home recuperating from her injuries.

Manser noted how an OPP officer even visited her in hospital the day after the mishap to make sure she was okay.

"I thought, 'That's really nice,'" she said. "I want them to know how appreciative I am of everything they did for me and what that meant to me. They were all amazing."

The community support worker said the first week after the crash is a haze as she dealt with the shock of the situation.

"It really went by in a blur," Manser said.

Her injuries included multiple fractures to her legs, including her left femur and right tibia. She underwent surgery last

Monday to plate and pin her bones and for at least the next six weeks, she cannot put more than a minimal amount of weight on them. Manser will visit her physiotherapist again in March, where more about her recovery will be determined.

Her passenger, who remains in hospital, suffered seven broken ribs and a fractured sternum, while the occupant of the other car is no longer in hospital.

Manser said not being able to be left alone and needing help just to get up to go to the washroom has opened her eyes.

"It's very humbling," she said. "It makes you realize how you respond when

you lose your day-to-day abilities."

Manser had a message of encouragement for the work of police and emergency crews, who she said work "non-stop."

"Just keep caring," she said. "You can always tell the people doing the job who care about the people."

Born and raised in Minden where she lives with her husband Jeff, Manser said she has received many calls of support and flowers from family, friends and colleagues.

"I'm doing fine," she said. "I'm just grateful to be alive."

House destroyed in early morning fire near Gelert



Minden Fire Department/Special to The Times

Sheri Hawkins loses all her possessions

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

When John Marren went to work at 5:30 on Monday morning, the house next to his on Scots Dam Road was perfectly fine.

An hour and a half later it was engulfed in flames and an hour after that there was nothing but smoldering ruins.

The house was unoccupied. The previous night Marren had gone into the house to turn down the heaters which were being used to keep the pipes from freezing.

The cause of the fire is not known but it's suspected to be electrical in origin.

The house is owned by well-known local singer Sheri Hawkins, who was planning to live there this fall. It was not insured. All of her possessions were stored in the house, including family memorabilia.

She hopes to rebuild on the property.

Family friend Lou Weber has put a donation box at Golden's Stationers. If people would like to volunteer for a rebuilding party, please call Weber at 286-1862.

"Sheri has done so much for others she deserves this [help]," Weber says.

The Minden Fire Department received an emergency call at 6:53 on Monday morning and when they arrived on scene on Scots Dam Road the house owned by Sheri Hawkins was fully engulfed with the roof already caved in. Sixteen men were on scene for four hours. No one was in the house at the time. Hawkins had planned to return to the home later this year and her friends are planning a re-building party.

No-boathouse rule makes it into bylaw

Council also asked to join Water Trails

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The following are brief notes from the February 9 Minden Hills committee of the whole meeting.

Planner Rick Hunter has updated the township's tentative comprehensive zoning bylaw to reflect earlier direction given by council.

As it currently stands in the bylaw, no boathouses are allowed either projecting into the water or on dry land set back from the water's edge using marine railways.

Earlier, council had asked lake associations for input and will accept new information concerning the boathouse issue. However, council decided that, for the time being, a prohibition of boathouses would be included in the bylaw.

Water trails

Mark Coleman, the co-ordinator of Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, and Bill Hutson of the Ministry of Natural Resources presented the findings of the inventory survey and assessment of the Poker Lakes area of Minden Hills. They also invited Minden Hills to join the Water Trails system.

The Water Trails system, operated through the Township of Algonquin

Highlands, is a controlled network of campgrounds mostly within the Frost Centre area. Water Trails will begin a user-pay system (charging for campground use) in May of 2006.

Coleman informed council that there were 77 campsites in the Poker Lakes system with a maximum occupancy of 402 people. And, while all campsites have safe fire pits, virtually none had suitable toilet facilities.

"With the growth in population of Southern Ontario, recreational users are increasingly seeking public access areas such as the Poker Lakes," noted Coleman in his report to council. "The result is often negative environmental impacts on land and water resources caused from the overcrowding and abuse of these free and virtually unrestricted or uncontrolled areas."

Coleman extended an invitation to Minden Hills to join the Water Trails network, by entering into a shared management agreement with the Township of Algonquin Highlands. He envisions that by the spring of 2008, the Poker Lakes area in Minden Hills could be fully incorporated into the Water Trails network.

Although yet to be proven, it is thought the Water Trails will eventually make money for the municipalities involved.

Iron Mine Landfill

Environment and Property Operations Manager Bob Romberg presented the findings of SGS Lakefield Research con-

cerning the future development of the Iron Mine landfill site.

Last spring, the municipality had asked SGS to inquire of the Ministry of Environment (MOE) about expansion of the Iron Mine landfill site.

"To continue to attempt to develop this site will be very costly and will not benefit the municipality in the long term," states Romberg's report to council about comments from SGS. "The MOE has suggested very strongly that this site is not suitable for land filling waste material and to continue to request our consultants to come up with options is putting unnecessary burden on the taxpayers."

Currently, the quality of nearby surface water has forced the township to review its use of the landfill site.

Based on current usage, there are still 11 years of capacity at the site, but that includes areas that are now deemed unusable by the MOE. To use the whole site, as SGS notes in its report, would require major surface water protective measures that would cost approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000. Even to use the site as is and not dumping in the low-lying western portion of the site (that is causing water problems), would still cost the municipality \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Currently, the Iron Mine landfill site accepts waste from the Gull Lake transfer station. Romberg suggests that the municipality plan for the closure of the Iron Mine site or transformation into a transfer

station in the near future. Closing the site would cost \$60,000 to \$90,000 while using the site as a transfer station would cost approximately \$90,000 to \$150,000.

Tenders for new excavator

Three tenders were received by Roads Superintendent Kevin Hill for a new 2006 rubber tire excavator. Earlier, council had allowed Hill to purchase a new excavator in lieu of a new grader. The township's 730 Champion grader is being traded in for the new excavator.

Of the three bids, ranging from \$345,514 to \$198,612, Hill has recommended to council that the Stronco Equipment bid for \$198,612 be accepted. The purchase of the new unit, a mono-boomed heavy duty wheeled hydraulic excavator, will be approved at next meeting of council.

Community Care

Roxanne Casey, resource development co-ordinator at Community Care, asked for a financial donation. As Casey told council, Community Care provides service to 339 people in Minden Hills, compared to 460 in Dysart et al.

Last year, Minden Hills donated \$2,500, while Dysart donated \$5,000, Highlands East gave \$3,000 and Algonquin Highlands gave \$1,250.

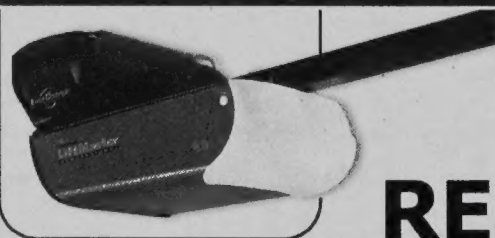
As an example of the quality of service they provide, Casey and Community Care brought 'meals on wheels' lunches for members of council.

Council deferred the matter to budget.

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Everyone benefits when you Bowl for Kids' Sake

All funds will stay in the county

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

No matter what the score, the 26th national annual Big Brother/Big Sister Bowl For Kids' Sake event is bound to be a strike. The event, approaching its tenth year in Minden, is planned for February 25 at the Minden Lanes.

"The children are the real winners," says Big Brother/Big Sister Kawartha Lakes District Executive Director Jim DeForio. "The money raised at the Minden event stays in and provides for the programs in Haliburton County."

The Bowl for Kids' Sake is a national campaign but it is up to the individual agencies to put on their own events. This year, the Haliburton service is hosting a 'down on the farm' bowling party that should raise between \$8,000 and \$10,000. The most raised in recent memory was \$13,000 several years ago.

Haliburton County's Case Manager, Patti Lou Robinson, hopes to at least come close to their all-time high.

The funds are especially important to an organization that receives no ongoing government support, says DeForio, even though the need is great and growing.

Currently, in Haliburton County there are about 15 Big Brother/Big Sister matches in the traditional pairing program

and the in-school mentoring program, but there are at least 10 children on the waiting list.

"The need is definitely here; the waiting list is growing," DeForio says. "We do what we can with what we have and if we continue to grow, we can definitely increase the number of kids we serve."

While applications are made periodically for Trillium funding and other such grants, nothing is guaranteed and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization relies heavily on its volunteers.

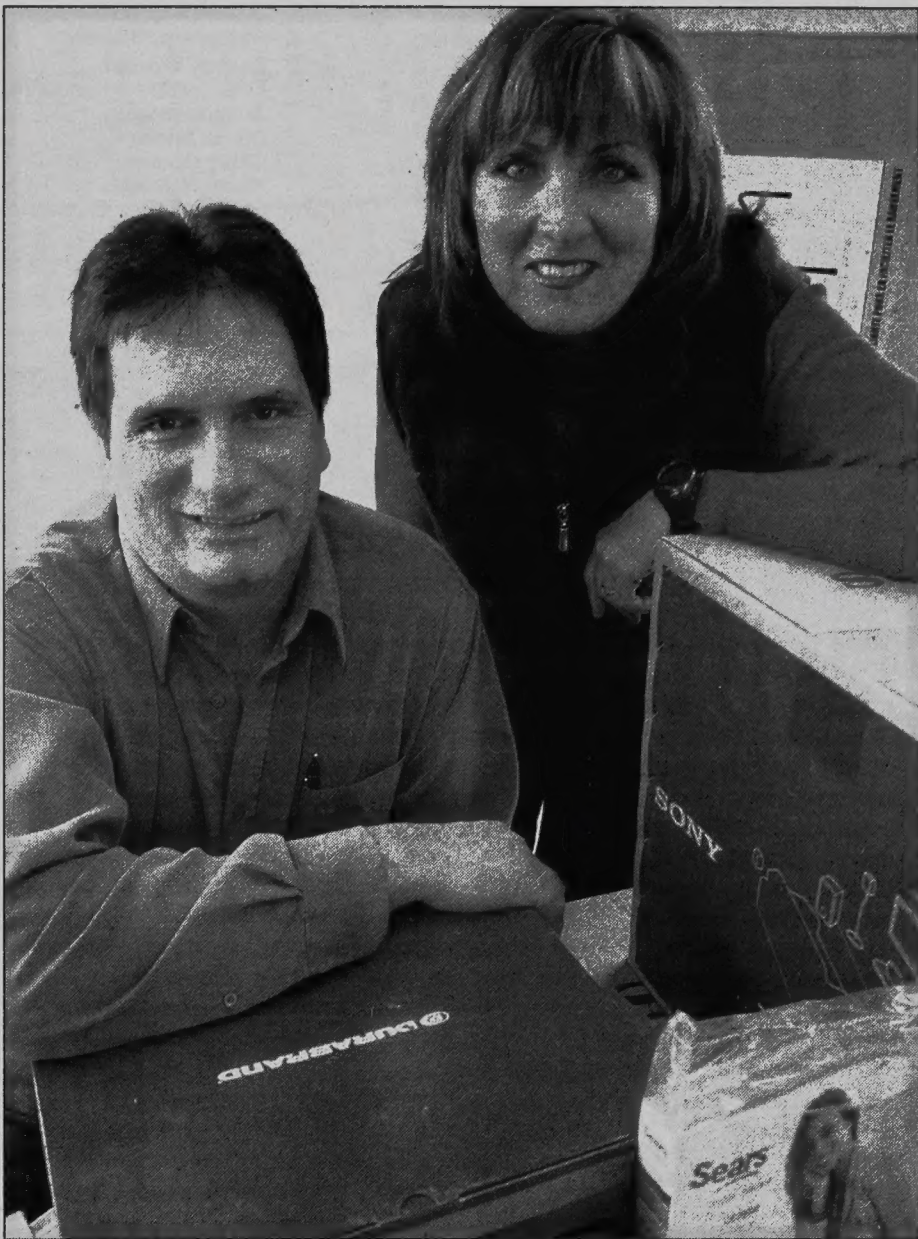
Volunteer Rawn Loughheed of Minden's Sears Catalogue Store has donated all the prizes for the bowling event.

A television and a five-speaker sound system will be awarded to the person who gets the most pledges throughout the whole Kawartha Lakes (including Haliburton County) agency. In Haliburton County, the bowler with the most pledges will receive a karaoke system and a stereo. There are also lots of draw prizes, says DeForio.

Teams of four to six people are encouraged to sign up, get pledges, and have fun. And to make the process even easier, DeForio and Robinson encourage people to check out the online pledging newly introduced to the Big Brother/Big Sister organization.

Pledges can be made online with a credit card from anywhere in the world. To register a team and collect pledge sheets, call Patti Lou Robinson at 457-6344.

Bryn Weese/TIMES



Big Brother/Big Sister Kawartha Lakes Executive Director Jim DeForio and Haliburton County's Case Manager Patti Lou Robinson stand behind a mountain of gifts donated by Rawn Loughheed of Minden Sears for the Bowl For Kids Sake event coming up on February 25. It is hoped the event will raise upwards of \$10,000 for the organization that matches children with adult volunteers in mentoring relationships.

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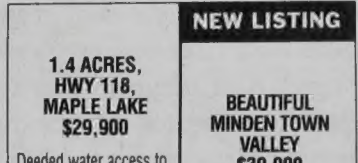
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Money down the drain

The recent drama flowing through the water pipes of Lutterworth Pines has accomplished more than merely bringing clean, regulated water to a handful of people. It is also infallible proof that life is unfair and that there is truth in the old adage, "Be careful of what you wish for."

All across the province, in the wake of the e.coli disaster of Walkerton, small water systems have come under fire from bureaucratic safeguards that impose costly, unmanageable regulations on systems of five users or more. Are they necessary? No. Are they fair? No. Are they here to stay? Yes.

As was the case for a small group of residents in Kinmount, maintaining a perfectly good system that produced clean water became impossible. The water was fine; the problem was the inflating costs required to prove it. Their solution in Kinmount? Abandon the system altogether and drill individual wells.

This option was available to the residents of Lutterworth Pines as well. Before alerting the Ministry of Environment of their inability to comply with regulations, each resident could have disconnected from the system and drilled their own well, leaving the 20-year-old ABS pipes to rot in the ground. True, wells cost several thousands of dollars but it is a one-time cost, and while wells come with no guarantees about the quality of water they produce, they do offer independence from a costly system that, in the end, may well cost much, much more.

The costs currently projected for the Lutterworth Pines system are ghastly: \$70,000 in capital expenditures for the new well, new pumphouse and the high-tech gadgetery required to regulate and monitor the water. In addition, there is a projected yearly cost of \$20,000 just to run the system. Further, there will be the inevitable repairs to the distribution system of old degenerated plastic pipes in the ground.

The system could not have continued as is, that is certain. But why must it be fixed? Why must the residents of Lutterworth Pines have a water system at all? Why are wells not good enough, as they are for thousands of others in the township?

By involving the MOE, it appears as though the residents of Lutterworth Pines were waiting for the municipality to take over responsibility for the system. There is, in fact, a three-year-old letter stating as much in the township's files. It can only be assumed that the Lutterworth Pines residents were hoping that the municipality would also assume some of the cost. Surely no one would have favoured the municipality's involvement if the annual cost of \$660 a residence was known.

And that cost should not be borne by any ratepayer in the township other than the users themselves, no more than the residents of Lutterworth Pines should be paying for the township's water in the village (which they have not.)

Councillor Clayton Cameron is right. Regardless of cost, the users of the system must pay for what they asked for. Repeatedly they told the MOE that they could not maintain the system themselves. Who but the municipality is left to take it over?

Walkerton was not the result of a systemic problem in the way that water systems operated throughout the province. It was the fault of two individuals who did not follow the rules. The rules were fine.

However, the rules have since changed. And, maybe, water systems like Lutterworth Pines should not be repaired or updated. Maybe they should rot away and decay. Good while they lasted but not meant to be in the post-Walkerton world.

- Bryn Weese

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The Beech River Snowmobile Bridge

Photo by Darren Lum

Local MPP Laurie Scott fears local impact of unemployment

When members of our community are left unexpectedly without employment or recourse, we are all affected. I have been especially troubled by the trend of layoffs in both large and small companies in the manufacturing sector both locally and across Ontario. Unfortunately, reports of local job losses do not end with the recent announcement by General Motors Oshawa. There have been some other significant and heart-wrenching cases in our community. These layoffs have left long-term, dedicated and hard-working staff

members at a loss.

After General Motors Oshawa announced their decision to layoff many employees, I spoke in the legislature about how these cuts affect much more than Oshawa and Durham region. I took the time to visit the GM facility and spoke to its staff about their role in our community. Our riding of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock counts on General Motors as one of its largest employers, and the impact is even larger when you consider the numerous

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Straight from the heart

Every now and then a sportsman like myself gets accused of insensitivity or, even worse, neglecting the one that he loves. That's why Valentine's Day is so darn important to me. It's a time to showcase my romantic side and perhaps score a few points with my dear wife, the woman who puts up with all this hunting and fishing.

Needless to say, a gift for a special person and occasion such as this must be tempered with thoughtfulness and a personal touch. Roses are fine, candy is dandy, but let's face it, anyone can come up with these things. No, a woman wants her man to be original. And that, my friends, is why I got my wife long underwear. That's right, outdoor lingerie - the gift that keeps on giving.

Call me a romantic fool but this year I went all out and bought her the matching top and bottom in a thermal underwear combo that would make most trappers green with envy.

And as you can well imagine, the look on her face said it all.

"Oh, it's long underwear," she said, brimming over with poker-faced delight. A lot of people would have mistaken her multiple winks as the onset of a severe facial tick, but not me. As a woodsman who is constantly alert in the outdoors, I'm in tune with my woman.

I immediately winked back at her. "Yep, they'll keep you warm so you can take up ice fishing now and maybe even smelt fishing in the spring if the urge takes you. And you'll notice that the colour goes with the coon-skin cap that I just got you on our anniversary," I beamed proudly. "Oh, and the best part is that these longjohns wick away moisture just in case you sweat a

lot while shovelling the driveway or drilling holes for us through the ice."

"Huh?" she sputtered.

"I even bought them several sizes too large just so you have some growing-in room."

Not to brag but a lot of men wouldn't have thought that far ahead.

For the first time since our anniversary, my wife was at a severe loss for words. She made all sorts of unintelligible sounds, yes, but words, no. The truth is, I was getting all choked up about this, too. After all, I wouldn't ask just any woman to drill fishing holes for me. And

though those words were left unspoken, I think she knew that, too.

Shortly thereafter, she croaked out what I believe was a rudimentary syllable as she quietly reached out for my throat.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Things that go bump in the day

Up on Sapsucker Ridge, The Brown Dog Jiggs and I have grown accustomed to things that go bump in the daytime.

Fifteen months ago, nobody told us that a new metal roof would bring so much drama into our lives.

On a brilliant February morning, with Jiggs basking in the sunlight pouring in through a south-facing window, the roof clears its throat with a grumbling cough and a block of snow slides eavesward, then stops.

The Brown Dog, indifferent even to the sound of thunder, doesn't even stir from his place by the stove.

Noise from above was an ordinary part of life before Jiggs came to live at Sapsucker Ridge and fill my cabin with dog smell.

A group of red squirrels formed a corporation and built a gymnasium in the attic, complete with squash court and trampoline, but when Jiggs moved in, they moved out.

Now the only noises from upstairs come in winter when sunshine from above and wood heat leaking through the ceiling insulation from below loosen the snow pack.

Sometimes a great section of the roof's load breaks loose in a great whooshing avalanche that goes tumbling over the

edge.

A curtain of diaphanous white hangs over that same south window for moments, snow powder dancing in the light, and then settles like dust from a landslide on the berm it is building.

The roof is a lesson in the effect of mini-climates. At the end of a string of gloriously cold, bright winter days, the south slope is mostly clear and forest green in the sunshine.

The north slope still bears islands of snow and there is no green anywhere.

The full winter's depth piles up against a pipe that pokes through the roof, supporting a pair of solar panels.

Sliding snow tears away anything in its path. It dismantles eavestroughs; lengths of trough already lie on the ground and I will bring down the rest in the spring.

The man who replaced my old asphalt shingle roof in the fall of 2004 predicted the fate of the eavestroughs but somehow overlooked the threat to the rest of my rooftop installations.

He forgot more about metal roofs than I ever knew. For example, he forgot about crickets; I had never heard of them.

Crickets, at least in this sense, aren't even in my dictionary. Think of two right-angle triangles leaning against one another on the upside of a chimney or vent pipe with their sharp ends pointing toward the ridge line.

What they are supposed to do is cleave the snow pack as it slides, much as the prow of a boat cuts through water. The split pack slides around the wide, lower end of the cricket and around the obstacle it protects.

In theory, and so far in practice, the pipe carrying the solar panels is sturdy enough to do its

own cleaving.

Snow coming off the road builds into ever-higher banks. A block of snow pack slides past the roof's edge, then droops instead of dropping and hangs there in a curve for days, blocking my window view of a bird feeder.

The snow pack coming off my sugar shack makes far bolder statements. Sitting on a roof at the bottom of a north-facing slope and with no heat from below, the pack clings more persistently in place.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Enough snow slides off the roof to make a mountain I have to climb to get in the door I so foolishly placed in a side wall, but most of the pack stays put until an early spring day and the first heat from the evaporator below loosens it.

On one perfect March day in 2003, the whole south-facing pack broke loose at once and drooped over the eave in a curve that met the berm below, making a perfect tunnel.

The good thing about a metal roof is that it should last longer than I do, which may not be very long at all, which is the bad thing about metal roofs.

When I climb through the deep snow on my sugar shack roof as I must at the start of each maple season, I wonder what would happen to me if the pack decides to slide while I am in it.

When I find myself on a bare, dry roof, I am as tentative as a climber on a glacier. This is no place for Ian Tyson's slippery city shoes.

Wear boots with heavy treads and walk on the screws, the experts tell me, and you will be fine. It's perfectly safe.

Not as safe as asphalt shingles, I think. These experts, I notice, are all alive; it would be good to hear the dissenting views of those who missed the screws.

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related parts and service industries located here. The manufacturing sector is often overlooked as an important part of our 'have province' economy.

At the time of the General Motors announcement, Premier McGuinty described the layoffs as "a contraction." Residents in this community are impacted much more by the manufacturing sector's layoffs than the Premier's understatement implies. Job losses impact local retail and agricultural businesses that depend on loyal customers that are earning a living working at prosperous companies. Our entire local economy is deeply interconnected with the decisions of large busi-

MPP upset by job loss

nesses and economic trends; every layoff by a multi-national corporation eventually impacts our local businesses, households and agricultural and retail sectors.

Most recently, I have been working with a group of community members that are entangled in a difficult situation; they are victims of 'red tape.' After their employer's abrupt and unexpected bankruptcy declaration, they are left scrambling to retrieve their owed pensions and severance pay. They have sought advice from our office about possible assistance, and we are currently awaiting news from sev-

eral sources that are investigating the closure. Speaking to these former employees, I was shocked by the lack of notice and lack in their dismissals, especially considering the years of dedicated service that they had given to this company.

Although the laws surrounding bankruptcy are under federal jurisdiction, we hope that there is some remedy that we can seek out to assist these dedicated laid-off employees. We will be working closely with Barry Devolin's office on this case. We need to look at a way to increase provincial authority to access assets and

repay innocent workers where it appears that a company closed intentionally to avoid paying due severance to employees.

I do hope that we can work with provincial and federal authorities to assist the unlucky former staff members that have been dismissed. However, if we are to curb the larger trends of the shrinking manufacturing sector, we must begin to actively support our local and provincial businesses. In the upcoming weeks and months, I will be working alongside my Ontario Progressive Conservative Party colleagues in the legislature to urge the government to demonstrate that they care about the hard working Ontarians that are in dire need of job security and a secure pension plan.

Algonquin Highlands counting on upper-tier funding for projects

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the go ahead for the Maple Lake landfill site. Currently, the completion of the new facility is estimated to cost \$573,750, a cost the township is planning to have offset by \$375,000 in COMRIF funds.

Monies from COMRIF, or Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, are offered for infrastructure work such as roads, bridges, sewers and other related projects. Approval of COMRIF funding will not be announced until March or April of 2006.

Currently, however, there is no guarantee that the federal and provincial funds will come through. If they don't, says Mitchell, the township will have to get creative.

"It's the plum of our capital projects," says Mitchell. "It's the biggy."

"There is a significant gap there that requires some creativity if the COMRIF funding doesn't come," says Mitchell. "But there are all kinds of ways to make it happen."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison believes strongly that the project should go ahead, with or without COMRIF.

"I honestly don't want to put off the septage facility for any appreciable amount of time," she said. "It's been a long hard fight with many pitfalls. I would hate to take it out of the budget."

Without the \$375,000 from COMRIF, the cost of the hauled sewage treatment facility would amount to more than one half of the 2006 budget's increase over 2005.

Fire

The Algonquin Highlands Fire Department is facing a significant increase in its budget this year. While equipment upgrades, replacement bunker gear (\$28,000), replacement self-contained breathing apparatuses (\$55,000) and other gear replacements and upgrades (\$20,500) are key, the major increase for the fire department is the \$58,000 required for a new dispatch service.

Earlier this year, the Huntsville Hospital announced that it would not renew its dispatch service, which served Dorset and Oxtongue Lake fire halls, for 2007. Algonquin Highlands, along with the Huntsville, Lake of Bays and three other fire departments, must invest jointly in a new service.

"There is absolutely no negotiation as to whether we change dispatch or not," said Algonquin Highlands Fire Chief John Hogg. "Huntsville [Hospital] announced that, at the end of December 2006, they would not renew their [dispatch] contract."

The costs of the new service, being provided by Peerless Security, include tower upgrades and rentals to the Kennis Lake tower, as well as minor upgrades to both the Dorset and Oxtongue Lake towers. Also, the fire department has to incur its share of a new dispatch console to replace the now obsolete model in Huntsville. The new console will be broadband compatible, which will facilitate greater communication between dispatch and the fire departments.

"All the signals will be stronger," says Hogg. "This is [also] a full dispatch service. It will improve firefighters' contact with base and dispatch that will increase our awareness of what's going on. There were a couple of areas [under the old dispatch system] where firefighters were out of radio contact."

In the near future, Hogg is hoping to bring Stanhope dispatch under the new Peerless contract.

Roads

The township's road department still comes in as the heavyweight of the budget, with \$1,481,969. That is an increase of approximately \$150,000 over 2005.

Some of the increase in funds reflect three major road rehabilitations scheduled to take place this year: the North Shore Road, Halls Lake Road East and West and Old Mill Road. In the department's five-year needs study, undertaken in 2004, all three were identified in need of repair. They are all scheduled to undergo ditch cleanup and culvert work and receive a new double high-float (or tar and chip) surface.

While construction has already begun on Halls Lake Road, work on the North Shore Road and Old Mill will start, "as soon as the weather permits," says Roads Superintendent Brian Whetstone, adding that dates are never concrete because of contractors' schedules and weather.

The North Shore Road from Highway 35 to St. Peters Road and the Old Mill Road are scheduled for work beginning in early spring and it's hoped they will be completed by mid-summer. Whetstone says that work on the Old Mill Road is very little with only minimal ditch work required (as well as a new surface).

Construction has already begun on Hall's Lake Road both east and west, much to the chagrin of some ratepayers. Both the east and west ends of the road are scheduled for resurfacing and ditch clearing with the work to finish in the spring.

Roads has also budgeted \$50,000 for a new pickup truck this year as part of the township's commitment to "continuing to maintain the integrity of our equipment replacement schedules."

Waste Management

The 2006 Algonquin Highlands budget is evidence that waste management is quickly becoming a very expensive item. In 2005, waste management cost the township \$500, 414 while this year's budget shows an increase of \$37,550 (totaling \$537, 964).

"There are on-going consulting costs to monitor current landfill sites," says Mitchell, adding that these costs are not likely to decrease for the township.

While there still are some costs associated with the township's Waste Management Plan, says Mitchell, there will be continuing costs once the new waste management initiatives begin. Mitchell says the increasing costs are forcing municipalities to look at alternatives such as

incineration and waste diversion (for example, composting and recycling).

This year, the township's staff and council are going to increase efforts to encourage ratepayers to adhere to its mandatory recycling program.

"We are going to be more actively involved in participation of the recycling program," says Mitchell, "through education and at the landfill sites themselves."

Airport

The 2006 airport budget shows more than a 100 per cent increase from last year. Inflating from \$167,627 in 2005 to \$336,915 in 2006, major expenditures are planned. Chief among them is a new hangar for \$60,000 that is being taken out of reserves. Also, the airport is scheduled to receive resurfacing on its taxiway for \$35,000. A new lawn tractor for the airport (as well as other departments) is adding \$11,700 to the budget, as is \$3,500 for a new furnace for the terminal building.

Election

Based on the figures from the last municipal election, the township has included \$20,700 for the elections in November 2006. Mitchell's advice is the creation of an election reserve fund that will see approximately \$7,000 go into the fund each year to offset the spike.

Dorset Rec. Centre

The Dorset Recreation Centre is drawing \$33,000 from reserves for a myriad of capital expenditure programs.

Improving accessibility for the disabled is one focus, as is aesthetical and functional improvements such as new carpeting, security issues, window improvements and major kitchen renovations.



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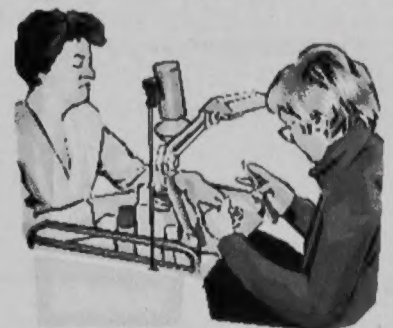
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Concert digs down to guitarists' roots

Gordie Tentrees and Roger Marin perform in Minden Saturday night

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

If you know what "roots music" is and you consider yourself a fan, you'll probably want to visit the Dominion Hotel on Saturday night for Gordie Tentrees and Roger Marin's concert.

Defined loosely by Tentrees himself as "the key word" to describe the sort-of-country, sort-of-bluesy, sort-of-

folky musical genre, Saturday's concert will exclusively feature the two guitarists and their voices.

"It's fun," says Tentrees from his winter home in Carnarvon. "It's great for people to be able to enjoy music that's stripped down to the basics."

Tentrees, whose been living in the Yukon and beyond for several years but is originally from the Bancroft area, credits his early musical influences as those he inherited on the family farm, rich with writers, artists and musicians.



Gordie Tentrees, who spends his winters in Carnarvon, is playing at the Dominion this Saturday.

Having also tried his hand at break dancing (his earliest public performance was as a boisterous 12-year-old break dancer) and boxing, Tentrees began playing and writing music after seeing his first Fred Eaglesmith concert. He has since honed his skills with a guitar, his vocals, a harmonica and a resonator (or lap steel guitar).

His band, not performing on Saturday but equally important to Tentrees, has played more than 350 shows in the past two years. As his website states, "live performance runs hot in his veins."

But Saturday's show isn't all about Tentrees. His playing partner, Roger Marin, has become almost a household name in the "roots" circle working with such famous artists as Del McCoury and Willie Nelson. In fact, says Tentrees

shamelessly promoting his playing partner and friend, Marin has recently been working on a cruise ship in support of celebrity artists Lyle Lovett and Steve Earle.

Marin, originally from Niagara Falls, was raised by his musician father. At age 13, Marin was performing next to his father and uncle in bars, but, between sets, had to wait in the kitchen too young to be a bar patron himself. In his adult life, Marin has mastered electric and pedal steel guitar - instruments he plays as a member of the Fred Eaglesmith Band, the very band that influenced Tentrees to begin a musical career.

"I wanted people here to get a chance to see this guy," says Tentrees. "I know it's going to go off well. They can hear some great songs, see a great combo of two guys on guitar and have fun."

"We're going to play all night," adds Tentrees. "So long as people are there and enjoying themselves."

Saturday's set list, which will feature the two artists backing each other up on each other's songs, tentatively include a broad range of music, mostly originals, but also a few covers.

Together, Tentrees and Marin have toured around Ontario over the past few months, playing venues in Toronto, Peterborough, and most recently at Ruby's Roadhouse in Bancroft.

Saturday's show at the Dominion is the final show for the travelling duo. Tentrees has future shows scheduled, but Marin is off to Texas shortly after Saturday's performance.

For more information on the artists, visit both www.tentrees.ca and www.rogermarin.com.

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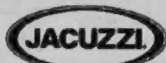
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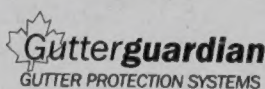
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Olympic spirit

Novice lugers get a feel for 'naturbahn' at 'make friends with winter' workshop

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A welcome respite from the cold, Saturday's balmy weather was greeted with large crowds "making friends with winter" at the Redstone River Luge, one of only six natural luge tracks in Canada.

Some of the younger enthusiasts preferred playing in the snow (right) as well as sharing a luge with mom (left).

Next Sunday, the 450 metre track will be on display again for a youth open house with free lugging for those under the age of 18.

Elsewhere, the next Trails and Tours "Make Friends With Winter" workshop, dogsledding, will be held at the Haliburton Forest on February 25. Those interested should call 489-4049.

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This Week's Feature: System Software & Support

System Software makes internet service a reality

In 1992 when Mike Stephens started Systems Software and Support, computers were not a common household staple. They tended to be used more as a business tool. Today that seems almost unimaginable.

"When Microsoft released Windows 95, computers became mainstream as Internet access was now available in people's homes," says Stephens, who has been providing technological services longer than anyone else in the county.

What started off as a home-based business has grown to five employees with an office across from Home Hardware in Minden. "People are becoming more computer literate. Internet access is more of a necessity than a luxury," says Stephens.

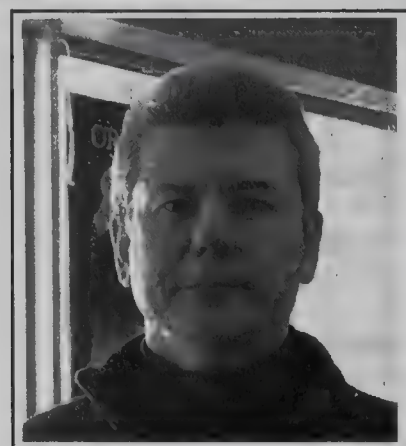
Stephens says that with the increase in technology the pricing on hardware has come down as the speed of computers has increased.

Besides selling computers, Systems

Software and Support provides service, website design and some training. The Minden company offers internet access which includes dial up, DSL and wireless broadband, and voice over IP. Voice over IP allows customers to combine networks in different towns, permitting customers to use their computers for all their long distance calls. They also can provide a backup solution to businesses and home users in case of a computer crash or a robbery. This protection can save customers money and time.

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Mike Stephens started Systems Software & Support in 1992

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"With the expansion and significant growth in the wireless market Systems Software can make internet service a reality even in the most remote areas," says Stephens.



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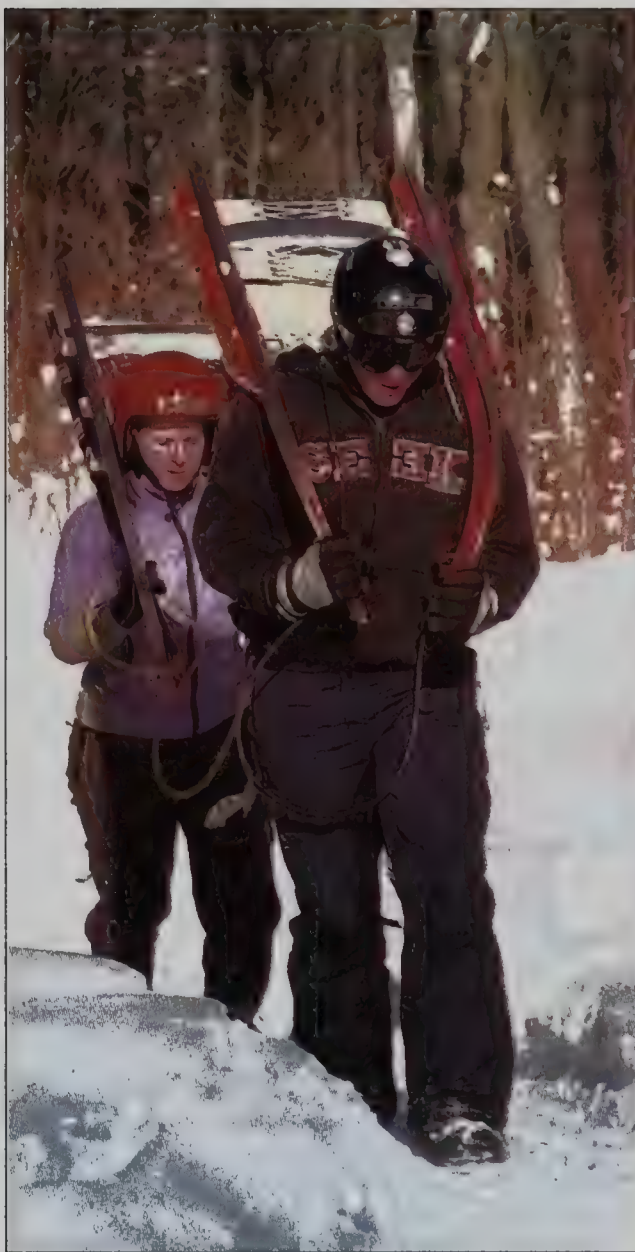
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What goes up must come down, especially when going down on a natural luge track can mean speeds of up to 60 km/hour. 'Naturbahn,' or natural luge uses the natural slopes and curves of the land as its track. Photos by Bryn Weese.

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CARNARVON LANES*Bowling league results*

Tuesday Afternoon, February 7, 2006

High Average: Ken Thompson 213; Lillian Mattsson 177

High Single: Ken Thompson 235; Jean Pugh 221

High Single HC: Gerald Hadley 259; Hilda Rhynold 283

High Triple: Ken Thompson 614; Jean Pugh 571

High Triple HC: George Bartley 692; Jean Pugh 724

Tuesday Night, February 7, 2006

High Average: Ken Thompson 214; Marlene Robinson 201

High Single: Eric Burk 239; Marlene Robinson 245

High Single HC: Bob Pollard 286; Charlotte Burk 281

High Triple: Ken Thompson 638; Marlene Robinson 597

High Triple HC: Bob Pollard 733; Mickey Kalm 694

Wednesday Afternoon, February 8, 2006

High Average: Ken Thompson 210; Marie Thompson 171

High Single: John Pugh 288; Norma Terro 258

High Single HC: John Pugh 327; Norma Terro 317

High Triple: Ken Thompson 687; Marie Thompson 565

High Triple HC: John Pugh 773; Anna Shuster 783

Thursday Afternoon, February 9, 2006

High Average: Ken Thompson 214; Shirley Webb & Josie Cheesman (tie) 167

High Single: Bob McMath 238; Bernice Gillies 249

High Single HC: Bob McMath 281; Bernice Gillies 317

High Triple: Doug Burtch 606; Laura Carnegie 542

High Triple HC: Doug Burtch 732; Laura Carnegie 761

Wednesday Afternoon

Black Tower Competition: Won by +460 The Bowl Dogs - Myra Marshall's Team, George Hamilton, Bev Hunt, Rudy Grosschadl, Vern Stout and Marty Shuster. Over averages, well done.

Highland Storm Novices up by two in finals

The Highland Storm Novice Team travelled to Campbellford on Saturday, February 11 to play the first game of the Eastern Ontario finals.

Devon Upton put the Storm on the scoreboard with the help of Curtis Ballantyne. This goal was the only one scored in the first period. The next frame saw the Colts sink three goals to pull ahead and end the second 3-1. A minute and a half into the third, the Storm's Braydin Hollows narrowed their lead with assists going to Hunter Bishop and William Stephenson. Four minutes later Stephenson tied the game on a nice pass from Blake Wood. The Colts once again took the lead with only two minutes left in the game.

In an awesome comeback Ballantyne scored the winner on an amazing airborne shot 30 seconds into overtime to end 5-4.

On Sunday, February 12 Campbellford made the trip to the Minden arena for game two. From the first shift Braden Roberts was a strong forechecker leading to the Storm's first goal by Ballantyne, assisted by Hollows and Upton. With a repeat of yesterday there was only one goal scored in the first

period. One minute into the second the Colts tied up the game and two minutes later the Storm pulled ahead again when Bishop netted a sweet goal on a pass from Ballantyne.

Defenseman Joel Fedeski, Connor Gadway, Owen Flood and Ballantyne did a spectacular job of keeping the puck out of their zone. Campbellford tied the game at 9:08 but with the help of Hollows, Upton put the Storm in the lead to end the second period up 3-2. The first half on the third period saw the Storm score three quick goals, Hollows with one and Bishop with two. Assists for these goals went to Gadway, Wood, Stephenson and Upton. The Colts scored at 9:05 to narrow in on the Storm. With just more than a minute left in the game Campbellford scored again to make it 6-4. With the next shift Campbellford pulled their goalie and with only eighteen seconds left in the game they closed in the lead to 6-5. With good teamwork and strong goaltending by Churko, the Storm was able to end the game with another win.

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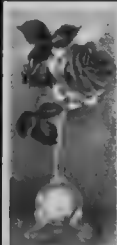
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President Francine Piché says the YWCA faces some important challenges this year. "We've purchased and renovated our YWCA Women's Centre in Minden, and we will open our new HERS safe-space for women this year. We are seeking new board directors who will participate in building community support for this new service for women and children who have experienced violence and abuse. We want to develop a vision for the future that addresses our serious financial pressures with optimism and an entrepreneurial spirit."

The YWCA exists to support the right of all women and their families to live free from violence, poverty and oppression.

YWCA board meetings are generally held in Peterborough on the third Tuesday of the month, 6-9 p.m., September to June, with one meeting specifically scheduled in Minden.

Want to know more? Contact the YWCA in Peterborough at (705) 743-3526 (TTY 705-743-4015), or fax (705) 745-4654, or e-mail info@ywcapeterborough.org. You can also contact the Haliburton County centre at 286-1942 or e-mail ywcahal@bellnet.ca.



Totem touch-up

Christina Stephens adds the final touches to her eagle portion of the totem pole that was constructed by children participating in the Totem Pole Creation Art Workshop at Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Jan. 21. Future workshops, for adults as well as kids, include calligraphy, beginner drawing and painting, scratch art and writing. To register call 286-3763. Photo, Darren Lum.

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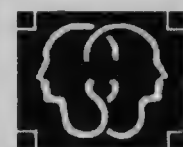
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2006/07 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a "resident of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10). 2005/06 membership will end at the close of the June 22nd Annual General Meeting.

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by March 23rd, 2006.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination which must be received by the Secretary of the Board by April 30th.

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In the evening plan to dance away any winter blues still hanging on at the community centre starting at 8 p.m. Please note this is an age of majority event. Admission is \$5 per person includes great music, snacks and draw prizes. Thanks to all our great community volunteers representing the Kinmount and District Business Association, Kinmount Playschool, minor sports groups, the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee and the Community Centre Management Board for putting it all together. Now it's up to us, local residents and visitors, to show them our appreciation by getting out and participating.

It's Valentine's Day as I write this and slowly life is returning to normal here at the old farmhouse after a busy weekend with eight-year-old Brianna, and Ben, recently turned two. Clarence the cat has finally emerged from his hiding place and yellow lab King is snoring here beside my computer desk recovering from the antics of Sparky their pup.

When we were kids, every February 14th beautiful Valentine cards would arrive in the mailbox addressed to my sisters and I. The cards were never signed. Of course we knew who had sent them but never said. Our dad, not a very demonstrative person, would always look at those three mystery cards, smile and point out that they were Hallmark cards and therefore sent by someone who "cares enough to send the various best."

If you, a family member, or friend would like to learn more about diabetes, its management and range of support services available there is still time to register for the Diabetes Awareness Clinic sponsored by the Kinmount Pharmacy on Wednesday, February 22. The clinic will be held from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Kinmount community centre with lunch provided. Guest speaker Grace Pinneau is a registered dietician at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, which offers an excellent diabetes education program. Please confirm your attendance in person at the pharmacy, located at 4084 Main Street, or by calling (705) 488-1960.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

There are no results this week from Club 35 where floors were being rejuvenated.

February 7 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Marj Hamilton and Paul Poulton teamed up for first at 369 with George Bye and Grace Berardi second at 347. In third spot with 269 were Helen Skelding and Doug Burch while recording the afternoon's low was the duo of Joan Meadows and John Platt. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for her weekly update.

February 7 euchre at Gelert Community Centre: For the gents Gerald Hicks was high and Gene Newell low with Lorna Hicks leading the ladies and Rita Crofts recording the low. Our reporter Audrey Vick won for lone hands with Hazel Benetin taking home the draw prize.

February 7 contract bridge at Stanhope: It was Joan and Ross Davies taking the only Slam over the afternoon. Joan led the high scores at 5500 followed by Muriel McIntosh 5280, Margo Davidson 5110 and Jean Jackson 4850, a ladies' sweep. Harold Cox won the lucky draw, Paul Pethick the Shiny Penny, and for Joan Davies it was the S.N.D.O.B. Special Award recognizing her as Stanhope's New Diva Of Bridge.

February 7 bid euchre at Minden Legion: The top trio members in order were Elli Langpohl, Ken Young and Isobel Cherwenka with Jean Scadden, Kay Smith, Chris Clarke and Howard Smith taking the

moonshots. Holding the hidden scores were Elli Langpohl, Jesse Barlow, Margaret Fletcher and Don Burch.

February 8 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method top spot went to Chuck Wilson and Harold Cox at 65% then Joan Galley and Ross Fletcher 58% with Stella McMillan and Ross Davies in third spot at 50%.

February 8 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: Marcy Morgan was high lady and Emily Harvie low with our reporter Theresa Deak high representing the men and Mike St. Thomas low. Harold Harvie was double lucky winning both for lone hands and the draw.

February 8 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots landed on June Branning, Jean Dutka, Jean Scadden, Bill Milford and Rob Evans. Tops for the pinks was Barb Robitaille 288 then Sharon Evans 268 and Belle Walker 260. Tom Grix led the white cards at 289 with Bill Milford a close second at 288 and Pat Scadden 283 third.

February 9 euchre at Minden Legion: In the lone hands column it was Gala Stamp and Janice Simpson while Lois Adamson [2], May Bradbury, Kevin Maloney and Linda Hopkins were the "other" prize winners. Men/ladies highs were recorded by Bob Pollard and Lois Adamson with Helen Luffman and Kevin Maloney taking the evening's lows.

February 10 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In North/South it was Chuck Wilson and Ross Fletcher first at 60% followed by Diana Spicer and Joan Galley at 52%. For East/West the honours went to Don Mills and Helen Baker with an impres-

sive 71% while Grace Boice and Ev Morgan took second place at 52%.

February 11 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: The moonshot quartet members were Don Burch, Marcel Roussel, Margaret Fletcher and our reporter Gala Stamp with Pat Bailey, Emily Harvie and Elva Paisley winning the afternoon's draws. Elli Langpohl led the pinks at 290 with Maria Tschida 273 second and Edith Burch 235 third. First for the whites at 288 was Kevin Maloney then Margaret Fletcher 272 and Thelma Francis 240.

February 13 cribbage at Minden Legion: Once again it was Joe Rivers in top spot with Bob Cleverly second and Helen Luffman third. The other prizes went to Lorna Hicks, Lois Adamson, Bob Cleverly and Edith Burch.

February 13 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Most lone hand honours went to Bill Mosley and Lorna Hicks with Gala Stamp and Jeanne Keliele recording the afternoon's highs and Jesse Barlow the low. Bill Mosley also won the special prize with Jeanne Keliele and Mabel Deacon the Valentine Draw winners.

February 13 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Gala Stamp won for high hands, Ray St. Pierre for lone hands, Martha Harding for low hands and Perry Peacock for the special prize.

February 13 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: It was a lucky day for the Franzen family with Pauline taking both the high score and the single moonshot while Frank won for second high. The special draw went to Marjorie Paradis.

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STANHOPE LIFE

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Those who can't wait to get their ATVs out don't have much longer to wait. While they can't ride on snowmobile trails just yet and cannot go on the Haliburton Rail Trail until June 1, a triple-play event is planned for Saturday, March 18 by the Haliburton ATV Association.

The event is open only to members of HATVA and its chapter clubs (Kawartha Trail Riders and the Madawaska Club).

Ice fishing will take place on Boshkung Lake. The club will make an ice hut available and those with fishing licences can warm up inside the hut or drop a line outside. This area has excellent lake trout fishing.

Those who don't want to fish can hang out and run around the lake (on your ATVs, of course). Some will also want to take the lake trail run, riding the loop

around the lake and any available trails. Lastly, there will be a bratwurst barbecue at Buttermilk Falls Resort. This event is free and only open to members. You must RSVP to mcoles@halhinet.on.ca.

The group is meeting at Buttermilk Falls Resort on Hwy. 35 north of Carnarvon at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The day will wrap up by 4 p.m. Dress warmly and bring your tackle.

Bait will be supplied.

For those who can't wait until March 18 to get on their ATVs, another event takes place sooner if you don't mind a little drive. Community Living Kawartha Lakes is having an ATV and Snowmobile Poker Run on Lake Scugog (Port Perry) on February 25.

Jaime Dickson has asked people to please pass along this information to all professional and personal contacts.

She can be contacted at 705-328-0460.

Carol Kilby and Paul Irwin are certainly enjoying the snowscapes and wintry hills of Gaia's farmhouse this year.

"We're excited about the approaching visit of Khenpo Drolma who's coming February 24 and 25 to talk

about keeping an open heart in a difficult world in order to deepen our understandings of the spiritual path of compassion and to help us connect our inner and outer work as well as the small and larger earth self. Is there anything the world needs more?"



Pema Chodron's student, Khenpo Drolma, will be visiting the Highlands.

If you're familiar with the teachings of Pema Chodron (*When Things Fall Apart* and *The Places That Scare You*) you'll welcome the teachings of her student, Khenmo.

Participants should bring warm walking apparel as the event closes with walking, praying and blessing the land.

Although Gaia's glorious lunch is available, people may bring their own.

For information about accommodation and other details, visit the website at www.gaiacentre.org.

Many send their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Myrlene Foster of Little Hawk Lake Road who is recovering from a snowmobile accident.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca.

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- (1) Student Trail Technician

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Dorset's throwing a party and you're invited

Here's what's happening at this weekend's Dorset Snowball

This weekend, Dorset is throwing a huge Snowball party. Everyone is invited to join in the fun of this annual winter carnival. All you need to participate is a Snowball button. They cost \$3 and are available at the recreation centre, the gate and local businesses.

FRIDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

- **Family Skating Party** with music, hot chocolate and hot dogs at the Dorset Rink, 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Adult Broomball Tournament** 15-minute games starting at 8 p.m. Call the rec centre to register. \$10 per team in advance or \$20 on the day. Helmets required. Teams of six have a one-gim minimum.

SATURDAY INDOOR ACTIVITIES

- **Dorset Volunteer Fire Fighters All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast.** Adult \$6 plus a Snowball Button, Children 6-12 \$4 plus a button, Children under 5 - free. Upstairs in the rec centre from 8:30 to 11 a.m..
- **Library open** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Young Writers' and Teens' Short Story and Poetry contest winners will be announced** with writers reading from their works between 10 and 11 a.m., followed by 'open-mike' readings. Organized by Tiina Heathcock, Dorset Writer-in-Residence, and the Dorset branch of the Haliburton Library.
- **Craft Sale & Raffle Table** downstairs in the rec centre with local artisans and crafters. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Raffle draw at 3 p.m.)
- **Tea, coffee, sweets and bake sale** provided by Knox United's UCW downstairs in the rec centre. Have a seat, take a rest and warm up. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Chili supper** with a dinner roll to eat in or take home, provided



Kids will have a chance to try out the mini snowmobiles at this weekend's Dorset Snowball. (File photo.)

- by the Dorset Lifeliners. Individual serving \$5. (Vegetarian chili will be available.) Downstairs in the rec centre 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Stone carving workshop** with Elise Muller of Stone Tree studio - try your hand at stone carving with an assortment of files, polishing papers and stone that will be available to try. Downstairs from 1 to 4 p.m.
- **Face painting** in the gym, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Child ID:** don't wait until it's too late. It's time to have your child re-done. Please bring a current photograph. Provided by Dorset Community Policing in the rec centre, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Snowball souvenirs** on sale in the rec centre. Don't forget to fill out your ballot for the free draw (drawn at the next Snowball committee meeting).

SATURDAY OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- **Free skate** at the rink to 12 p.m.

- **Hot moose tongues** for sale beside the fire hall.
- **Snowball town crier** Steve Travers announces carnival events.
- **Helicopter rides** provided by Central Helicopters on Little Trading Bay, weather permitting. Fee to operator.
- **Trail groomer on display** by the diamond. Provided by Tall Pines Snowmobile Club.
- **Maple syrup display** by the baseball diamond, provided by the Emes family. Free maple taffy.
- **Timber frame demonstration** provided by Portico Timber Frame, by the baseball diamond.
- **11 a.m. Snowball parade:** all are welcome to participate in the parade, be at Dorset Garage by 10:45 a.m. Kids: pick up a costume at the rec centre and join the fun.
- **11:30 a.m. Parade ends** in front of the rec centre where *opening ceremonies* with town crier Steve Travers and local politicians will take place.

- **11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chainsaw carving demonstration** by Gerald Guenkel, of Get A Head Carving. In front of the rec centre.
- **12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Broomball game for kids** at the rink. Teams of six. Bring a team or come and join one. Organizer: Joe Alfano.
- **12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Muskoka Paintball demonstration** - test your aim. For kids ages 12 and up.
- **12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Winter games** by the rink including bean bag toss, snow painting and more.
- **12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Minnow races** by the ball diamond, provided by Algonquin Highlands Township Council.
- **12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mini snowmobile rides** at Dorset school. Organizers: Andy McEachem, Bill Johnson and Paul Mead.
- **12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Pony rides** by Crown Carriages in the ball diamond, sponsored by Robinson's General Store where all clothing is half-price this weekend.
- **12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Dog sled rides** provided by Northern Snowdog Sled Adventures, across from the Dorset school (on the lawn of the new museum) Sponsored in part by Travel Professionals International and Gregory brand furniture.
- **12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Andrews' oxen**, in front of Township Office. Sponsored by Dorset Heritage Museum
- **12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Remax balloon tethered rides**, weather permitting, behind the LCBO, sponsored by Remax Muskoka Realty Corp. and Bill Johnson.
- **12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Horse-drawn wagon rides** down the Main St., sponsored by Haliburton North Construction Ltd. and Algonquin Projects Limited.
- **12:30 p.m. Snowshoe race** for ages eight to 11 organized by Stephen and Laura Smith, at Dorset school. Great prizes.
- **1 p.m. Snowshoe race** for ages 12 to 18 organized by Stephen and Laura Smith, at Dorset

- school. Fabulous prizes.
- **1:30 p.m. Snowshoe race** for ages 18 and up organized by Stephen and Laura Smith, at Dorset school. Fantastic prizes.
- **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Snow snake games** provided by the MacDonald family. Try your luck at this ancient activity traditional to our area. No experience required. Prizes for everyone who gives it a try! At Dorset school.
- **1 p.m. OPP Canine unit demonstration**, in the ball diamond, organized by Dorset Community Policing.
- **2:30 p.m. Hockey shoot-out** at the rink, organized by John Clayton and Peter Schuetze. Helmets required.
- **3 p.m. Kids vs adults shinny game** at the rink, everyone welcome, helmets required, organized by John Clayton and Peter Schuetze.
- **8 p.m. Hockey Night in Dorset** at the rink. Come out and cheer for your favorite team. Organized by John Clayton and Peter Schuetze. Helmets required.

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- **11:00 a.m. Tina Turley music.**
- **11:45 a.m. John Park Comedy and Juggling Show.**
- **12:30 p.m. Kirt Dunlop, music.**
- **1:15 p.m. Tina Turley, music.**
- **2 p.m. Wye Marsh: Birds of Prey Show.**
- **2:45 p.m. Kirt Dunlop, music.**
- **3:30 p.m. Wye Marsh: Birds of Prey Show.**

OUTSIDE

- **11:45 p.m. Wildlife callers** Steve Morrin and Davy Meloy.
- **12:30 p.m. The Junkyard Symphony Junkyard Jam.**
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Cook winning his battle with cancer

Benefit for Kevin Ford held at Firehouse restaurant



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
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melalfano@hotmail.com

Kevin Ford, who many of you know him as a cook at the Fiery Grill, would like to thank everyone who came out to the Firehouse recently for a benefit event in his honour. Kevin would especially like to thank Tim and Gillian at the Fiery Grill and Anita and Jay at the Firehouse. At a recent doctor's appointment, Kevin found out that things are looking good for a complete recovery from his battle with cancer. Thanks again to all who showed their support and encouragement to Kevin through his illness.

The parade must go on. Snowball organizers are still looking for help to put parade participants in order on the big day (Saturday, February 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.). Can you help out? Kerry Lock is available to provide helpful hints

and tips. If you are interested in helping, please call the rec centre at 766-9968. There are other volunteer opportunities at the Winter Carnival so if you want to help in other ways, stop in at the rec centre and see what else there is to do – no obligation.

Heads up: helmets will be required for all broomball and hockey events at Snowball this coming weekend.

Snowball fun continues Friday night with the adult broomball tournament. The tourney consists of 15-minute games starting at 8 p.m. Call the recreation centre at 766-9968 to register your team. Three teams have already registered and all are from outside Dorset. Come on Dorset – let's keep the trophy where it belongs. The cost is \$10 per team in advance or \$20 on the day. Half of the fees will go to the winning team, 25 per cent to second place and 25 per cent to support Snowball. Teams must consist of at least six people with a one-girl minimum. Broomball sticks and balls are provided, helmets are

required and extra equipment is optional. The rules are simple and the game is fun – give it a shot.

Come to the Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on February 18 and celebrate the Name the Bear contest. Meet the Dorset branch's new mascot, a cuddly bear currently, sadly, without a name. A draw from all entries will be held at the Dorset branch on February 18 at 11:30 a.m.

The Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship Network is hosting a workshop titled Maple Syrup Operations and Opportunities at the Dorset recreation centre on Monday, February 20 starting at 9 a.m. and running to 3:30 p.m. The workshop includes topics such as woodlot management, forest health, what's new in syrup equipment and technology, food safety tips and marketing syrup products. After a hot lunch of pancakes, sausages and local maple syrup, participants will be taken on an afternoon field trip to a local 1,200 tap family operation near Dorset. Participants will have an opportunity to view a tap line and sugar shack lay out, discuss forest health concerns and receive hands on tips on setting up for the syrup season. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$20 per person which includes lunch, take-home materials and the field trip. For more information or to register, please contact Mike Walsh, MNR Stewardship Coordinator, MNR Bracebridge at 705-646-5530 or email

mike.walsh@mnr.gov.on.ca.

There will be a Community Policing Meeting at the Dorset recreation centre on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The Dorset Lions Club invites Dorset residents ages 50 and older to attend the annual Seniors' Supper Night on Wednesday, February 22 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Lions Camp Dorset on Kawagama Lake Road. Join the Lions for an evening of entertainment, a complimentary dinner and a special guest speaker. Reservations are required so please call Esther at 766-2830.

How many times have you heard "Oh, the book was way better than the movie." If you like to compare these two forms of expression, the Haliburton County Public Library can help. Some stories recently requested that tie in with a movie are *Brokeback Mountain* by Annie Proulx, *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden, *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis and *Hitchhiker's Guide To the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams. Visit your branch to borrow these or any of the library's 33,000 volumes.

Birthday wishes for the week of February 12 to 18 go out to Esther Fortney, Kyle Jones, Sarina McKey, Lisa and Lindsey Dunn and Jordyn Nash.

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



NOTICE

Comprehensive Zoning By-law Township of Minden Hills

It is the intention of the Council of the Township of Minden Hills to pass By-law 06-10 at the next regular meeting on February 23, 2006 beginning at 3:00 p.m. This is a by-law to replace the three by-laws in effect in the Township and will implement the recently approved Official Plan.

This is an information notice only, as there have been three official public meetings held pursuant to the Planning Act. Input from those meetings has been considered for inclusion in the final by-law. Details of the final by-law as drafted will be posted on our web page no later than February 20th, 2006.

Cheryl McCarroll, Clerk
Township of Minden Hills
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286-1260



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on February 23, 2006 at the hour of 3:00 p.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

- File No. 05-11
Applicant – **Wolfgang and Beate TRAUTMANN**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Clear Lake, lying in front of Lot 17, Concession 5, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Parts 9 and 10 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8220, registered January 10, 2006.
- File No. 05-25
Applicant – **Claude LACOMBE and Diane FARMER**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 6, Concession 14, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8230, registered January 26, 2006.
- File No. 04-38
Applicant – **Bryan and Beverly BARLOW**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 5, Concession 14, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8242, registered February 3, 2006.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Office at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 9th day of February, 2006.
Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator



Hoopsters

The local Knights of Columbus council has once again held its annual free throw contest for Archie Stouffer Elementary School students. On January 26, hopefuls took aim at the gymnasium's basketball nets with thoughts of advancing to the area finals in Lindsay on Friday February 17. The ASES winners who will go on to compete in Lindsay are: (middle row left to right) Myia Newthorn, Kirsten Schollig, Jaden Upton, Brooke Saunders and Katlyn Doiron. (Front row) Connor Cowan, Tanner Ballantyne and Jorden Howe. In the front is Kayla Gardiner. Absent is Jesse Walker. Presenting the certificates and badges to all participants was Knight Henry Doiron (back row left) and Grand Knight Len Lassaline (back row right). Photo, Bryn Weese.



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The proposal is being planned in accordance with a Category B project under the Class Environmental Assessment for the MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects.

For more information on this project or to submit comments please contact:

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Heed the warnings or it won't be only the environment that suffers, Dr. Suzuki says

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July 2004. He agreed to speak on behalf of the Friends of the Frost Centre, without charge, because he believes outdoor education is critical in teaching people about the natural world.

"I'm thrilled and honoured to have the chance to address this issue tonight," he began. "I can't do a helluva lot but one thing I can do is talk about what this place means."

Suzuki might have kicked off his speech with the Frost Centre but for an hour and a half he spoke passionately about the environment in general, mincing no words in his description of how human beings are destroying the earth and how important it is to wake up and start protecting it.

"We're at a pivotal place in the history of life on this planet," he said.

When human beings were new to the earth, he says, no one would have suspected that one day it would be them who would be the "strongest animals" on the planet. Human animals weren't as strong as other animals, nor were they as attractive. "We sure as hell weren't as beautiful as a flamingo or a coho salmon ... and a 100 lb. chimpanzee could kick the hell out of us." It was the 2 lb. organ called the brain that enabled human animals to survive.

"The human brain invented an idea called the future. The future doesn't exist. The only thing that exists is 'now.' The very definition of what it means to be human is foresight," Suzuki said. "That was the key to our survival and that is what got us to where we are today."

To illustrate his idea, Suzuki told the Bible story of Joseph, who told the pharaoh to store great quantities of grain to feed people when a famine came. When famine struck, people didn't starve because Joseph had been thinking ahead.

Generally, foresight has been serving humans well but lately we haven't always paid attention to what foresight has been telling us.

"For decades scientists have been saying New Orleans is below sea level," he said. And yet no one paid attention until flooding destroyed the city.

He said the same applies to the state of the environment.

"For 40 years scientists of the world have been warning us but we have refused to listen."

These aren't "third-grade scientists," Suzuki said, but "the leading scientists of the world." More than half the Nobel prize winners signed a document in 1992 that said "human beings and the natural world are on a collision course" but media coverage of their warnings has been slim to non-existent and people have continued to pollute the earth and abuse natural resources.

"I'll tell you what was even more terrifying than the scientists' report and that was the response of the media. Nobody

covered it. Half the world's Nobel prize winners warned us that we had as little as 10 years to avoid an absolute catastrophe ... and nobody reported it."

Suzuki said, "We are turning our backs on the really important thing that defines our spirit. Foresight."

Suzuki himself was involved in a \$24 million project that also examined the state of the environment. Senior scientists from around the world released their report last year. "It was terrifying, a terrifying document," he said.

The day after its release, the *Globe and Mail* ran a short story on page three. No other Canadian newspaper wrote anything at all. That day the Pope took sick, then, for a month or more, the newspapers were full of front-page stories about his illness, his death and then who was going to take over his job. The scientists' dire warning about the state of the environment "was a page-three, one-day wonder in Canada."

And don't even get him started about the media's coverage of Jessica Simpson or Britney Spears compared to coverage of environmental issues.

Scientists have had the foresight to warn human beings that, unless something is done, the earth will be uninhabitable. But Suzuki says we have become so disconnected with the natural world that we don't listen to the warnings or even see the negative impact we have.

"In a world view, everything is connected to everything else. That means we're a part of the natural world too and everything we do has repercussions."

Suzuki spends a great deal of time on the road with speaking engagements and he's met countless numbers of people, including many from First Nations. "When I meet a new group of First Nations people, the first thing I try to do is sit down and listen to them. They acknowledge that because they're part of nature they have responsibilities. But for most of us, that's not the way it is. We

feel that we live in a separate habitat. So we don't feel any sense of responsibility."

Once he met with a group of children on a farm and introduced them to animals, letting them touch them and get to know them. The next day he took them to a slaughterhouse because he wanted them to understand where their food was coming from. People need to comprehend how the world works and what their impact on it is. It's the only way they will take responsibility for the planet.

Suzuki gave many examples of how humans, without even realizing it, have a negative impact on the earth and how our health is starting to suffer because of our actions. For example, when he was a boy, asthma was largely unheard of. "Cut ahead 70 years and 12 per cent of children born in Canada will develop asthma." He did an episode of *The Nature of Things* after he witnessed a child suffering a severe asthma attack. "I was so horrified to see a child literally suffocating before my very eyes."

He waited until the next "smog alert" was issued and then joined his film crew at a Toronto hospital emergency department. Sure enough, the room filled with people who couldn't breathe because of asthma. The line-ups for treatment grew longer and longer.

"Their eyes were literally bugged out, terrified they couldn't get their loved ones in to see the doctor, desperate to save their family member's lives. And yet, a lot of those people drove up to the hospital in their SUVs."

"Why have we become so disconnected?"

Suzuki figures one of the main reasons is the great change in population.

In the early 1800s the world population was one billion. When Suzuki was born in 1936, the population reached two billion. Since then, it has tripled. Most people alive in the world now were born after 1950, he said, "in a period of unprece-



David Archibald entertained the crowd with his songs about the Frost Centre.

ented growth" and these people are "hooked" on big changes. Because they've grown up seeing the world develop at a lightning pace, their "collective memory" tells them that this is the way it should be. Suzuki says it's not. "This growth is both abnormal and unsustainable."

Many people believe they can continue to use up the earth's resources without consequences. "We're using up the legacy of our children and grandchildren."

Putting people back in touch with the natural world "is what the Frost Centre is all about," he said.

Suzuki said we have to "stop being fooled by politicians and business people telling us what the most important thing is."

"The environment is us. There is no separation. The way we treat the environment is the way we treat ourselves."

He grew tired of newspapers such as the *National Post* (which he told people not to read) calling him Chicken Little, always forecasting the falling of the sky and the demise of the planet. So he worked to come up with some solutions. Part of what he came up with is the Nature Challenge, which includes the 10 most effective things to do to make a difference. He's convinced that if a million Canadians signed up to take the challenge, the world will be a better place.

"Look, I'm just one person, and I'm an old man to boot. I'm not going to save the world and my organization (the Suzuki Foundation) isn't going to save the world. So I want to end this tonight by asking for your help."

To find out more about the Nature Challenge, visit www.davidsuzuki.org.



David Suzuki signed autographs for the enthusiastic crowd that filled the University of Toronto auditorium. He spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Frost Centre.

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290 COMING EVENTS

GORDIE TENTREES & ROGER MARIN
 At the Dominion Hotel
Feb. 18, 2006 at 8 p.m.
 Admission by donation
 www.rogermarine.com
 www.tentrees.ca

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS FIELD NATURALISTS
 are having a Snowshoe Hike on
Sunday, February 26th, 2006
 Starting at 10:00 a.m. to
 observe animal tracks.
 The hike is weather permitting.
 For details & directions
 Call Sheila at 754-2532.

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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS FIELD NATURALISTS MEMBERS NIGHT
February 21, 2006
7:30 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Museum.
 Everyone is welcome to join us
 for informative and entertaining
 presentations by our members.

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Please support
HHSS JAZZ MUSICIANS
 as they prepare for the National
 Finals of MusicFest.
 Come out for a special evening
 of jazz on
Tuesday, February 28
at 7:30 p.m.
 Everyone is welcome.
 Admission by donation at the
 door.

Red Hawk Jazz Ensemble
HHSS Improv Combo
 A concert by and for the benefit
 of HHSS Music Students.

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THE HALIBURTON COUNTY FOLK SOCIETY
2006 CONCERT SERIES
Stephen Fearing
Saturday, February 25, 2006
8:00 p.m.
 Northern Lights Performing Arts
 Pavilion
 Tickets \$20.
 (\$18. for HCFS members,
 Students \$15.)
 Available at York Street Internet
 Café, Haliburton and
 Golden Stationers, Minden.
 For info call (705) 754-FOLK
 (3655) or e-mail
 hcfscociety@gmail.com.
 Coming Up:
 Karen Savoca w/Pete
 Heitzman, April 22
 David Francey - May 31

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WINTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Saturday, February 25, 2006
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Free Family Fun - Horse Drawn
 Sleigh

Rides: Tobogganing, Ice
 Skating, Winter Games, Hot
 Dogs, Hot Chocolate, Bonfire
 and much more.

Minden Fairgrounds -
 Bobcaygeon Road
 For more information contact
 the Township at
 286-1260 ext. 215

3rd ANNUAL MINDEN HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT FISHING DERBY

Sunday, February 26, 2006
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 \$20.00 Entry Fee
 Pigeon Lake (off Deep Bay Rd.)
 Lots of PRIZES!

For more information contact
 the Fire Department 286-1202

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450 IN MEMORIAM

DAVIS, FRANK & MAE - In
 loving memory of Mom and
 Dad, Grandmother,
 Grandfather, who passed away.
 Dad, March 10/91; Mom, Feb
 18/04.
 Our lives go on without you
 But nothing is the same.
 We try to hide our heartaches
 When someone speaks your
 name.
 So sad are the hearts that love
 you
 Silent the tears that fall,
 Living our lives without you
 Is the hardest part of all.
 The special years will not return
 When we were all together,
 But with the love within our
 hearts
 You will walk with us forever.
 Forever in our hearts, sadly
 missed by **son Willis, daughter**
Doreen, John, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren.

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST
JOHN BOYD "Johnny"
MUISE

Passed away quietly at the
 Haliburton Hospital on
Friday, February 10, 2006.
 In his 84th year.

Predeceased by his wife Val
 (1993). Father of John Muise Jr.
 of R.R.#2 Minden, Ontario,
 Michael and his wife Sharon
 Muise of Paradise,
 Newfoundland, Denise Erika
 and her husband Robert Wilson
 of Delaware, Ontario, Reinhild
 Bako of Germany. Much loved
 Opa of John, Valerie, Donald,
 Jenny, Melendy, and Michaela
 Muise, Derek, Lawrence, and
 Carsten Wilson. In accordance
 to John's wishes, there will be
 no Visitation or Funeral Service.
 Cremation has taken place.
 Interment of his ashes to take
 place at the 12 Mile Lake
 Cemetery, Carnarvon in the
 spring. Memorial donations to
 the Haliburton Highlands Health
 Services Foundation would be
 appreciated by the family and
 can be arranged through the
 Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home
 Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden
 K0M 2K0 (1-888) 588-5777 or
 online at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com.

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AT REST
"LEO" LEONHARD
HUISMANN

Passed away peacefully at
 the Peterborough Regional
 Health Centre on Saturday,
February 11, 2006.
 At the age of 78.

Beloved husband for 55 years
 to Tony. Dear father of Leo and
 Tony, and grandfather to 5
 grandchildren and 4 great
 grandchildren. Friends were
 invited to visit the family at the
 Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home
 Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden or
 online at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com,
 on
 Wednesday, February 15, 2006
 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of
 the Funeral Service in the
 chapel at 2:00 p.m. Cremation
 to follow. Memorial donations to
 the Kidney Foundation of
 Canada would be appreciated
 by the family.

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MINDEN ONTARIO

• **Feb. 16:** Minden Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info., call the Health Unit at 457-1391 or call Ontario Early Years at 457-2989.

• **Feb. 25:** Monarch Bible Camps Invites all families to our Annual Skating Party and BBQ. Come enjoy an afternoon of winter fun and fellowship and food. West Guilford Baptist Church, skating on the lake from 2 to 4, followed by fellowship and BBQ at the church. Everyone Welcome. Call (705) 887-3625 or email cdnssm@bellnet.com

• **Feb. 20:** Caregiving can be stressful and lonely. If you are caring for an individual with a life-threatening illness or Alzheimer's disease, we can help. SIRCH Community Hospice in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society provides a Caregiver's Support Group on Feb. 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest in Minden. This group meets monthly to give caring support, share information, education, and caregiving tips and techniques. For further information, please call Dorothy Owens at SIRCH Community Hospice, 457-1742 ext. 36.

• **Feb. 21:** The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.

• **Feb. 22:** Register for Next Prenatal Class. Free classes offered throughout the year by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call 457-1391 for more details.

• **Feb. 23:** Caregiving can be stressful and lonely. If you are caring for an individual with a life-threatening illness or Alzheimer's disease, we can help. SIRCH Community Hospice in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society provides a Caregiver's Support Group on Feb. 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Community Care in Haliburton. This group meets monthly to give caring support, share information, education, and caregiving tips and techniques. For further information, please call Dorothy Owens at SIRCH Community Hospice, 457-1742 ext. 36.

• **Feb. 25:** Winter Family Fun Night - Sat., Feb. 25, 7 to 9 p.m. Free Family Fun - Horse drawn sleigh rides, tobogganing, ice skating, winter games, hot dogs, hot chocolate, bonfire and much more. Minden Fairgrounds, Bobcaygeon Rd. For more info contact the Township at 286-1260 ext. 215.

• **Feb. 25:** Ron Barr presents The Late Gordon Barr Historic Picture Collection, Saturday, Feb. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gooderham Community Centre. Admission fee. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by: Gooderham Community Action Group.

• **Feb. 25:** A Pocketful of Tales - Storytelling workshop with Liz Gilmour. For caregivers, teachers and others working with young children. Learn a variety of ways to present stories, songs, rhymes and poetry. Sat., Feb. 25th at 10:30 at the Ontario Early Years Centre Minden. Please call 286-1770 for cost and to register.

• **Feb. 25:** Kinmount Winterfest. Pancake breakfast and Country raffle (Community Centre), 8 to 11 a.m. Kinmount fairgrounds: Sleigh rides, outdoor baseball tournament, (call 488-2000 to register your team), Kid/Parent hockey game, 12:00 at the arena, etc. Evening dance at the Community Centre. Call 488-9954 for cost, tickets and info.

• **Feb. 26:** Fun day at YMCA Wanakita from 12-5. Everyone welcome. The address is 1883 Koshlong Lake Road in Haliburton. For more info call 457-2132 or check our web-site www.ymcawanakita.on.ca

• **Feb. 26:** 3rd Annual Minden Hills Fire Department Fishing Derby, Sun., Feb. 26, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry Fee. Pigeon Lake (off Deep Bay Road) Lots of prizes! For more info. contact the Fire Department at 286-1202.

• **Feb. 26:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Campbell's Flowers & Gifts.

• **Feb. 27:** "Men's Coffee and Conversation" grief support group. Drop by for coffee and conversation from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd. Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.

• **Feb. 28:** from 5 to 7 p.m., St. George's ACW Pancake Supper will be held at the Haliburton Legion. Adults: \$5.00, Children 6-12: \$3.50, Family: \$15.00, Children under 6: Free.

• **Feb. 28:** "CrossRoads" grief support group for the newly bereaved from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd., Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.

• **February:** We will be introducing an exciting new Parent Child Interactive program, Drama Days. Join us every Wednesday this month when we retell popular children stories using puppets, props and costumes. Parents will leave with ideas on how to continue the fun and learning at home. For more information on our programming please call 457-2989.

• **Community Care** has a trip planned for May 24 to the World Premier performance of The Lord of the Rings. This trip includes transportation by highway coach, tickets in row D, E, & F in the dress circle section of the Princess of Wales Theatre, and a delicious dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant. To travel with Community Care you must be a Trip Club Member, please call to find out more information about this trip club. Call 457-2941.

• **Tuesday evenings at Camp Medeba** in West Guilford. Runs until the end of April. Families 6:30 - 8 p.m. (children and parents climb together). Youth and Adults 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Drop-in Indoor Rock Climbing. Everyone welcome! Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18 years. For more information and cost please call Donna at Family Services of Haliburton County. 457-5345 ext. 314.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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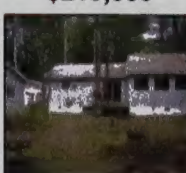


Marilyn Hawley
457-1011
exts. 230 & 237

DEEDED ACCESS ON BENOIR LAKE

3 bdrm, 2 bath, yr-rd home w/deeded access, dock & sand beach on Benoir Lake along w/shared ownership of wooded 3 acre parcel. New furnace, decks, ensuite + wired & heated dbl detached garage. Also a small garage that could easily be turned into a bunkie. Located at the southern end of Algonquin Park & just minutes from Martin Wood golf course.

\$219,000



MOUNTAIN LAKE

Elegant WF estate property w/4700 sq ft of living space on 3.5 wooded & landscaped acres. Marble entrance to spacious LR w/beamed cathedral ceiling. Lrg FP & French doors to deck. Eat-in kitchen, formal DR with built-in bar. Master has ensuite. Walk-in closet & view of lake. 3 more bdrms & baths + a FR w/FP, studio, office, exercise room, A/C, dbl garage w/lrg loft and bunkie at the lake.

\$750,000



Troy Austen*
Linda Baumgartner*
457-1011
ext. 231

SOUTH BAY - HALIBURTON LAKE

Year-round waterfront home or cottage. Enjoy the sunsets and the gorgeous view of the lake from the sandy shore. Level lot ideal for all family members. Insulated bunkie, large garage, good privacy.

\$319,000



GULL RIVER

Nicely treed, level lot fronting on navigable river. Good WF for swimming & boating. Located on a year-round, privately maintained road with Southern exposure.

\$29,900



Bill Kulas*
286-2911
ext. 44

ROCKCLIFFE TAVERN

World famous Rockcliffe Tavern in downtown Minden. Licensed outdoor patio, snack bar/restaurant, dancing, live bands. Approximately 5000 sq ft. Town water & sewers. Vendor retiring. Call Bill Kulas today for further details.



GULL RIVER - MINDEN

Check out this fully winterized 4 season cottage on the picturesque Gull River. Year-round access. 185 feet of waterfront featuring a guest bunkie, storage shed & private boat launch. Fully furnished & move-in condition. A must see!

ASKING \$159,000



Ken Barry* &
Deb Deremo*
457-1011
exts. 228 & 232

DEEDED ACCESS TO KUSHOG

Recently finished 2 bdrm cottage on 20 acres shows to perfection! Bright & cheery open concept w/wood laminate flooring & airtight wood stove. Property has rolling terrain, hilltop views & deeded big lake access. It might just be the affordable retreat you've been looking for!

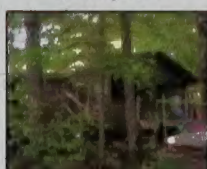
\$149,900



KASHAGAWIGAMOG

3 bdrm cottage on prestigious 5-lake chain. Cozy ambience with hardwood flooring, updated kitchen, wood stove, attached sun room. Detached bunkie to accommodate guests, oversized dock at water's edge, mature trees & a south-west exposure are the perfect compliment to lakeside enjoyment.

\$279,900



Lynda Litwin*
286-2911
ext. 35

MINDEN HOME

Pride of ownership shows throughout this 3 bdrm bungalow w/stone fireplace, hardwood flooring finished basement with guest room or den and two car garage all on 1 acre level, landscaped lot.

\$198,500



JUST LISTED

Is your Gull Lake cottage bursting at the seams? Build here and visit the waterfront relatives! Just south of Kilcoo Camp on Starlight Road & backing onto Hwy 35. Rolling 2.1 acres with mixed trees, hydro and Bell at lot line.



Geoff Bunn*
457-1011
ext. 242

176 ACRE RETREAT

Located minutes from the town of Haliburton. This 3 bedroom home/cottage sits close to the shoreline of Bonham Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm w/wood interior & cathedral ceilings. For more information call Geoff Bunn.

\$599,000

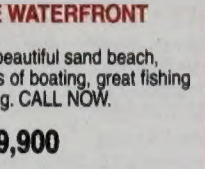


Rick Lowes*
286-2911
ext. 47

12 MILE LAKE WATERFRONT

Level, private and beautiful sand beach, good building site. Miles of boating, great fishing and swimming. CALL NOW.

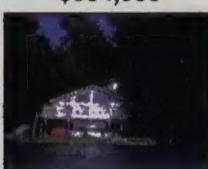
\$199,900



KUSHOG LAKE NEW PRICE!

Custom built executive 3 bdrm cottage / home. Loads of extras includes, bass boat, paddle boat and ski boat. CALL NOW!

\$354,900

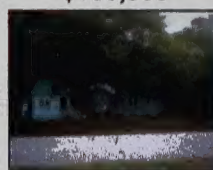


Fred Chapple*
286-2911
ext. 43

SWEET & COZY

Older home, 2 bdrm, family kitchen, lots of windows, level lot, all on oak floor. Nice workshop. Older metal septic tank, but still operational.

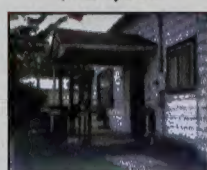
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Karen Nimigon*
457-1011
ext. 224

MOORE LAKE

Charming country 4 season waterfront cottage/home. Wood walls, cathedral ceiling, well designed kitchen. Sunken living room w/wood stove & w/o to deck, full basement, single car garage & workshop, 3-lake chain, sand shoreline, cedar dock & easy access to snowmobile trails. Why wish & wait? Call Karen today to view.

\$319,000



Victor Disik*
286-2911
ext. 45

MINDEN RURAL

Custom built 3 bdrm bungalow on a private 5 acre property. Bright & spacious open concept design. Master bdrm features a 3 piece ensuite & w/o to a sun room. Full finished basement, 2-car attached garage + single car detached garage, large deck, hot tub room & much, much more. For appointment call Victor Disik.

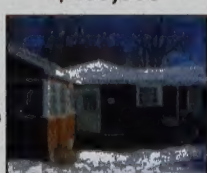
ASKING \$289,500



SOUTH LAKE

This year round cottage/home is about 2 hours to Toronto & only minutes to Minden. A very large kitchen makes entertaining enjoyable. The 3 bdrms are a good size in this 1200 sq ft home. Close to skiing, snowmobile trails & more. This Lake boasts very good bass fishing. Come see for yourself. Ask for Victor Disik.

\$269,000



Elizabeth Thompson*
457-1011
ext. 248

CENTURY FARMHOUSE

Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lake, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lrg loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.

\$219,000



Vince Duchene**
457-1011
ext. 225

Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished rec room with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!

\$139,900



Ted Vasey*
457-1011
ext. 223

REDSTONE LAKE

New waterfront home with 3570 sq ft of living space. Open concept with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, 2 stone fireplaces, custom design kitchen, master bdrm ensuite, elegant decor, 4 bdrms, main floor laundry, w/o FR, sand shoreline, sunsets, year-round road.

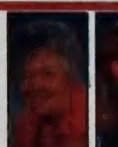
ASKING \$685,000



MINDEN - BOBCAYGEON ROAD

Like new, 3 bdrm raised bungalow, 1196 sq ft, maple kitchen, hardwood floors, master bdrm ensuite, main floor laundry, w/o bsm, some small finishing touches needed.

ASKING \$179,000

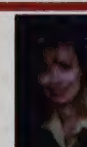


Lenor Fulton*
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SERVICE STATION IN GOODERHAM

This commercial property, zoned C1, is a great opportunity to be your own boss. It boasts a 3-bay garage complete with a hoist and tools to run your own automotive business. Also incl. in the purchase price is a 2 bedroom home with new basement windows and a new oil furnace. Please call Tracy or Lenor.

\$349,900



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2911
ext. 40

DAVIS LAKE ROAD

Two lots (6.9 acres and 6.1 acres) on year round Township road with hydro at lot line and backing onto crown land. Call Melanie for details.

\$16,900/each



Linda Beasli***
457-1011
ext. 227

COMMERCIAL

19 acres including a 440 sq ft shop with upgraded hydro & out buildings. Just east of Haliburton & ready to your business.

\$259,000



CUSTOM HOME

Quality of workmanship throughout this custom built home offering 4 bdrms, open concept main floor for entertaining & all on 21 acres of privacy in Haliburton Village. Gorgeous stone fireplace indoors & wonderful cedar decks outdoors for relaxation.

\$449,000



Peter Brady**
457-1011
ext. 234

COMMERCIAL

Fantastic location just south of Minden on Hwy 35. Established shops totalling 7300 sq ft incl. office space. Additional lots included with industrial and commercial zoning. Over 10 acres in all.

\$695,000



LODGE/FAMILY RESORT

Enjoy the sunny beach, stroll the 660 ft shoreline & explore the 40 acres of land. Retire to the large 8 bdrm lodge with dining room, games room & large kitchen. There is also a Managers Residence & 11 cabins & tennis court.

\$1,250,000

